

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 6-9 with the following:

A 1 This application is ~~based on~~ claims priority from Japanese Patent Applications Nos. 11-311487 filed November 1, 1999 and 2000-292664 filed September 26, 2000, the contents of which are incorporated hereinto by reference.

Please replace the section heading on page 10, line 11 with the following section heading:

A 2 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ~~PREFERRED EMBODIMENT~~ INVENTION